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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director,
Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION" STAMPS AND MAXIMUM CARD

STAMPS

1. To commemorate the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (23-27 May 1994), on 24 May 1994 the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a set of three commemorative stamps on the theme "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction". They were designed by Kenji Koga, Japan.

2. The stamps, in denominations of 29 cents, F.s. 0.60 and S 6, measure 35 mm x 30.56 mm, perforation to perforation. Perforation: 14.

3. They were printed in offset lithography by The House of Questa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Denomination	Quantity
29 cents	2 520 000
F.s. 0.60	2 280 000
S 6	2 760 000

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0.60: 46 cents; S 6: 56 cents - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

4. The "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction" stamps will be issued in vertical sheets of 40 stamps. A se-tenant design has been used so that the se-tenant block of 4 appears as 1 large illustration; hence each sheet will consist of 10 se-tenant blocks of 4 stamps. The se-tenant block of four will comprise one selling unit.

5. For the convenience of collectors, the United Nations Postal Administration at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the United Nations Postal Administration official first-day cachet ONLY.

MAXIMUM CARDS

6. The eighth set of UNPA's maximum cards will also be issued on 24 May 1994. Three different cards will be produced to accommodate the three different se-tenant blocks of four stamps. The appropriate se-tenant blocks will be affixed and cancelled first day of issue for the respective office. The maximum card cancelled United Nations New York card will sell for $1.46. The cancelled United Nations Geneva card is priced at $2.17, while the cancelled United Nations Vienna card is priced at $2.59, both subject to exchange-rate fluctuations.

7. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first-day cancellations on Tuesday, 24 May, at the following locations:

(a) The United Nations Postal Administration sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate thousands of people world wide to the activities and goals of the United Nations.